

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended)

~~The security system of claim 1A~~

security system comprising:

a verifier for determining an authorization to process  
protected material, based on one or more responses to one or more

5 requests; and

a timer for measuring response times associated with the  
one or more responses to the one or more requests,

wherein

10 the verifier determines the authorization based at least  
in part on an assessment of the response times, and wherein

the response times are correlated to a physical proximity  
between a first source of the one or more requests and a second  
source of the one or more responses.

5. (Currently Amended)

~~The security system of claim 1A~~

security system comprising:

a verifier for determining an authorization to process  
protected material, based on one or more responses to one or more

5 requests, and

a timer for measuring response times associated with the one or more responses to the one or more requests,

wherein

the verifier determines the authorization based at least

10 in part on an assessment of the response times, and wherein

the assessment of the response times forms an assessment of whether the one or more responses were communicated via a network connection.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The security system of claim 1A~~

security system comprising:

a verifier for determining an authorization to process protected material, based on one or more responses to one or more

5 requests, and

a timer for measuring response times associated with the one or more responses to the one or more requests,

wherein

the verifier determines the authorization based at least

10 in part on an assessment of the response times, and wherein

the assessment of the response times forms an assessment of whether the one or more responses were immediately available a priori, or whether the one or more responses were a result of a time consuming determination.

7. (Currently Amended) A processing system comprising:

a renderer that is configured to receive for receiving a plurality of data items corresponding to a data set, and to produce for producing therefrom a rendering corresponding to a

5 select data item; ;

a verifier, operably coupled to the renderer, that is configured to preclude for precluding the rendering corresponding to the select data item in dependence upon whether other data items of the plurality of data items are available to the renderer, ; and

10 a timer, operably coupled to the verifier and the renderer, that is configured to measure for measuring response times associated with responses to requests for the other data items from the renderer, ;

wherein

15 the verifier is configured to preclude precludes the rendering based at least in part on an assessment of the response times.

8. (Currently Amended) The processing system of as claimed in

claim 7, wherein

the assessment of the response times corresponds to a determination of whether the other data items are located in

5 physical proximity to the renderer.

9. (Currently Amended) The processing system of as claimed in |  
claim 7, wherein

the verifier is configured to form the assessment based on  
at least one of:

5 an average of the response times,

a comparison of the response times to one or more  
threshold times, and

a statistical test based on the response times.

10. (Currently Amended) The processing system of as claimed in |  
claim 7, wherein

the verifier is configured to randomly select the other  
data items.

11-13. Cancelled).